

judgment on each of us. What are we afraid of? Are we afraid to ask the electorate of the State of Nebraska, do you think we should meet so many days? As I recall ballot questions have a yes and a no. If it's not the will of the people of Nebraska to adjust the days that we officially transact business, and by the way I think we're all aware of the opportunity, should need arise, to extend the session with a four-fifths vote of the members of the body, we shouldn't be afraid of the people. The people, my goodness, were smart enough to elect us. Should we be afraid of what they might do on this issue? I would encourage the defeat of the kill motion and the advancement of the bill (sic). Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Peterson, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. Speaker and members, how do you follow an act like that, an eloquent speaker like Senator Coordsen? I have to agree with a lot of his comments. As some of you that have been here as long as I have and longer know that I've had several constitutional amendments to go to 60 days, and they was always killed in committee. My feeling has always been, and I stand to oppose the kill motion, the 90 days, I've always felt, were way too long. We have too much absenteeism, although I don't know, it's been several weeks since we've had 49 on the floor and we're just in February yet. But I think that, if we don't do something one of these years, John Q. Public is going to, because just this morning I had a constituent that I went to my office and had a long conversation with on a problem. And he said, when are you guys going to get out of there and go home? You keep passing some of these mandating programs and everything, and you just make things worse. And I said, well I have to agree with you on a lot of that. And I think, if we don't do something, that the day is going to come, because I keep hearing it more and more from people that somebody, a leader out there, is going to pick up this and design a 60, 70-day session and get it on the ballot. I'll bet any amount of money, and that's probably that anybody want to bet, that if it's something like a 60...60-day session gets on the ballot that it will pass, because John Q. Public out there will jump at something like this and say, and they're saying it constantly, and I say it, too, we're passing too many bills and we could do our more important bills in a shorter session and get out of here. It's amusing that a big state like Texas, that has a biennial...meets biennially and functions very well. I've been